

**HAMLET OF SPRUCE LAKE ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 25, 2016**

Darrell Nasby called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. The minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting were read. There were no errors or omissions. Karen Rivard moved her minutes be adopted as read. Darren Millard seconded. Carried.
2. Financials. The financial records and proposed budget were examined. There was a question about mowing and who determines what is to be mowed and when. Darrell explained that he has been in charge of directing Dennis Greenough as to what and when to mow. Evelyn Bloom mentioned that our mowing expenses are low compared to other hamlets. A further question arose about signs. It was explained that the hamlet is responsible for the purchase of signs. There were also explanations asked for regarding my expense for printer ink and expenses for lagoon testing. These matters were explained. All explanations seemed satisfactory and no issues arose from the financials.
3. Mowing. Everyone is happy with the way mowing is carried out. It was noted that Lots 10 and 11 of Blk. 4 are very overgrown and could be a fire hazard. We will ask that a nuisance letter be sent to the owners regarding these lots.
4. Garbage. The situation with outside people using the dumpsters seems to have improved due to the vigilance of our residents. Karen has volunteered to contact Jim Nait. As a service to the residents, we will ask him to bring a containment to collect large metals such as stoves and barbeques. If he agrees, and if the cost to the Hamlet is minimal, we will choose a week and residents will be notified by mail. It was also agreed that our annual clean-up will be May 11 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at Mitchell's and Darren will be in charge of making bags available. Rachel Mitchell will put up a poster.
5. Special Levy. We announced that the special levy as been lowered to 5.0 mils.

6. The board members asked that before residents go ahead with work that involves streets or other infrastructure, they consult with the board.
7. Councilors' terms. Darrell's term is up. He was willing to step aside. Rachel Mitchell expressed interest in the position. Darren Millard nominated Rachel Mitchell. Darrell Nasby seconded. There were no further nominations. Carried.
8. A.O.B. Rachel expressed interest in developing a playground. She has done some research and found that a small playground could be installed for \$20 000 to \$30 000. Some discussion followed. It was decided that our most desirable site is the public reserve to the west of the community center. Rachel moved we go ahead with playground planning, building a committee, and involving community members from outside the Hamlet. Darren Millard seconded. Carried.  
Rachel also mentioned that she would like to do some research into the development of a hamlet composting sight. She was encouraged to go ahead.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30